ed Castes and Scheduled Tribes in all the groups; and

(d) if not, by when the backlog of vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P. SlNGH DEO): (a) to (d) 293 persons were recruited directly and 364 promoted departmentally to Groups 'A', 'B', ,C, and D' posts in the Ministry of Defence during the last thre$_e$ years. 61 out of the directly recruited persons and 49 out of the departmental promote belonged to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

However, efforts continue to be made to make ap the deficiencies in accordance with Government orders on the subject.

Tax concessions to Monopoly Houses

1465. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a what is the number of cases involving companies belonging to the monopoly houses which were given tax concessions under sections 80 M.M. 80. N/80-O of the Income Tax Act each year during the period from 1979-80 to 1982-83 and w%at was the total amount of concession granted during the said period to each company, separately; and

(b) whether th$_e$ concession amount was within the prescribed limit or it was increased in special circumstances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRi S.M. KRISHNA); (a) and (b) The information is not readily available. Its collection from, assessing officers all over India would involve enormous time and labour not commensurate with the results likely to be achieved. However, if the Honourable Member desires information in respect ot any particular company, the same could b$_e$ collected and furnished.

Foreign Tour Operations' Visit to Kashmir

1466. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of tour opera-i tors from Fance,. olland. Selgium, Switzerland, Denmark and Germany who visited Kashmir the current season; and

(b) how many Indian tourist tour operators visited Kashmir during the current season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) The Department of Tourism! invited 43 travel agents from France, Holaad. Belgium, Switzerland, Denmark and Germany to visit Kashmir during September 1983 to June 1984. Besides these many private tour operators'travel agents from abroad visit Kashmir every year but the Department of Tourism does not have record of these private visits.

(b) During June 1984 a Kashmir Promotion^ Seminar was organised jointly by the Department of Tourism. Air India, Indian Airlines and the travel trade in which 12 Indian travel agents|tour operalors participated, A large number of travel agents and tour operators visit Kashmir during the normal course of business. The Central Department of Tourism record of these visits.

Presence of Chinese Experts Soldicis in Pak-occupied Gilgit Baltistan Areas and Across Ladakh Border.

1467. SHRT DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report in the Tribune of the 23rd May, 1984 wherein the presence of Chinese experts, engineers and soldiers in the Pak-occupied areas of Gilgit and Baltistan has been reported;

(b) whether the areas referred to are Killantown, Astore and Gilgit;

(c) whether it has also been-reported that the strength of Chinese soldiers across the Ladakh border has increase and also that additional posts have been established in the Kailash range of Ladakh; and